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ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL URGED CONGRESS TODAY TO REQUIRE U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES TO OBTAIN COURT ORDERS BEFORE GATHERING FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE THROUGH ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

BELL TOLD A HOUSE INTELLIGENCE SUBCOMMITTEE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION BILL WOULD ALLOW ESSENTIAL WIREFAPPING AND OTHER ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE TO PROTECT AGAINST FOREIGN ESPIONAGE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES BUT PROTECT U.S. CITIZENS FROM INTRUSION OF THEIR PRIVACY AND THEREBY HELP BUILD PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

UNDER THE BILL, FOR EXAMPLE, AN AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SUCH AS THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN A COURT ORDER BEFORE WIREFAPPING THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE BILL WOULD NOT REQUIRE COURT ORDERS FOR U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES TO USE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OVERSEAS.

REP. ROBERT MCCLORY, R-ILL., SAID THE PRESIDENT AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPROVE SUCH PRACTICES BUT THAT REQUIRING ACCOUNTABILITY ALSO TO THE COURTS WOULD BE "OVER REACTION."

BELL SAID, "I HOPE WE'RE NOT OVER REACTING! I DON'T THINK WE ARE."

BELL AND SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE INCLUDING MCCLORY AGREED MORE CONTROL IS NEEDED OVER FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS PAST ABUSES.

CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER ALSO SUPPORTED THE ADMINISTRATION BILL EVEN THOUGH HE SAID REQUIRING INTELLIGENCE AGENTS TO GIVE SECRET INFORMATION TO JUDGES TO GET WIREFAP WARRANTS WOULD INVOLVE RISKS OF IT LEAKING.

"THE PROLIFERATION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION ALWAYS INVOLVES RISKS, AND THE STATUTORY PROCEDURES WILL UNQUESTIONABLY LEAD TO SUCH A PROLIFERATION," TURNER SAID. "BUT ON BALANCE I BELIEVE THAT RISK SHOULD BE ACCEPTED."

THE ADMINISTRATION BILL WOULD REQUIRE COURT ORDERS FOR ANY FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

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